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BASIC-ABSTRACT: Antibody attachment which facilitates both geometrical and chemical inducement for a uniform and stable antibody coating comprises depositing carbon fullerene molecules (10) uniformly on highly ordered surfaces of gold (20). Once coated a geometrical inducement to antibody attachment is based on the size and structure of the fullerene molecule (ball shaped), e.g. the fullerene C60 is approx 1nm in dia. As shown in the fig, the concave terminus of the region of an IgG antibody (30) could envelop the fullerene ball if the proper chemical potential exists.

USE - The method is useful for prodn of biosensors.

ADVANTAGE - The use of a nominally inert substrate, e.g. a gold film, provides stable electrical and optical properties in the presence of various ambient gases or solns, thus enhancing the sensitivity to specific changes associated with the fullerene-antibody-endotoxin interaction.

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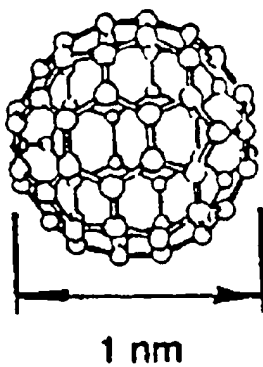
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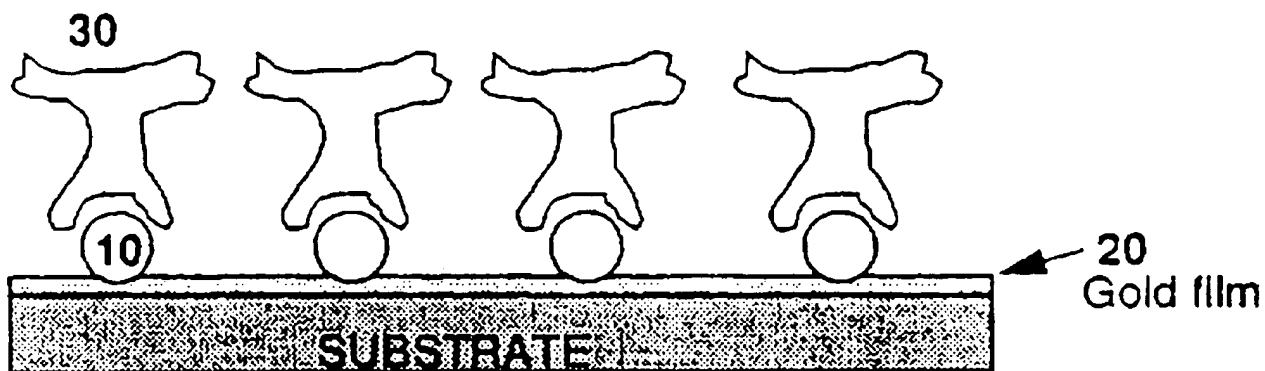
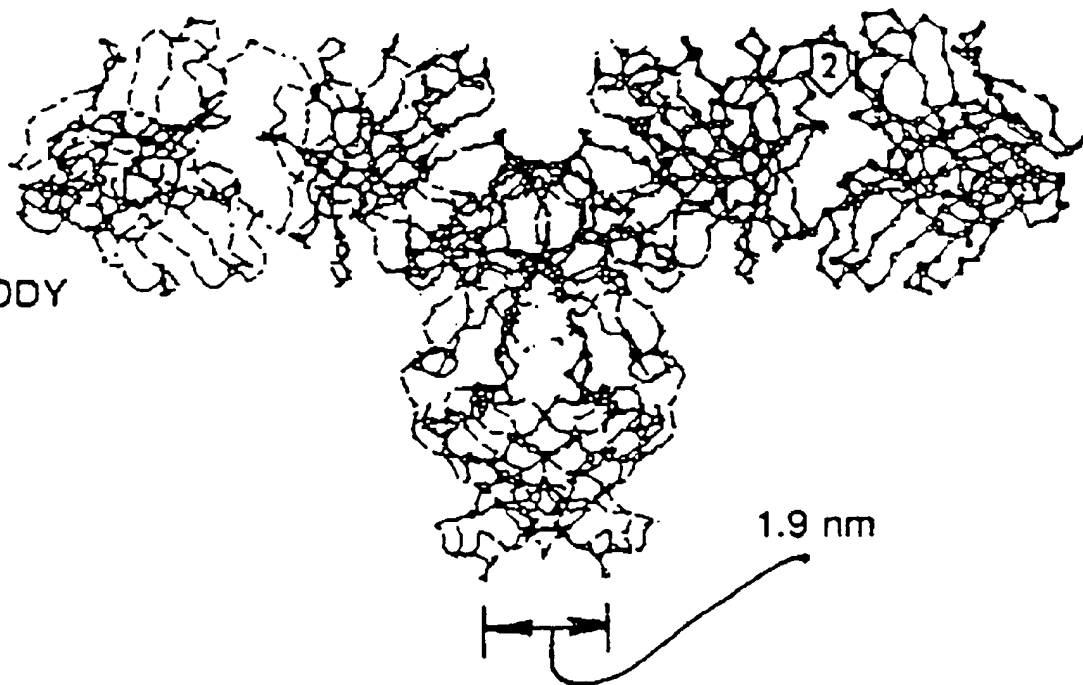
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10
FULLERENE
MOLECULE



30
IgG ANTIBODY



The idea of using antibody biosensors to detect the presence of endotoxins in fluids/vapors is established. The ability to consistently attach and orient macromolecules (such as antibodies) to a surface is crucial in the production of biosensors. Numerous procedures have been developed for this purpose, with varying degrees of complication and success.

We disclose a novel method of antibody attachment which can provide both geometrical and chemical inducement for a uniform and stable antibody coating. We propose the use of carbon fullerene molecules 10 which can be deposited uniformly[1] on highly ordered surfaces of gold 20 as shown in the figure. Once coated with fullerenes, a geometrical inducement to antibody attachment is based on the size and structure of the fullerene molecule (ball shaped). For instance, the fullerene C_{60} is approximately 1 nm in diameter. As shown in the figure, the concave terminus region of an IgG antibody 30 could envelop the fullerene ball if the proper chemical potential exists. Fullerenes can also be fabricated in larger diameters, in the form of C_{70} , C_{84} , C_{90} , etc., to accommodate various antibodies.

The chemical inducement to bonding antibodies may occur naturally as a result of the charge transfer between the fullerene and the gold substrate[2], providing an activated fullerene molecule on the surface. In addition, it has been demonstrated that the fullerenes can be internally and externally doped with metal atoms, and radially bonded with fluorine, hydrogen and other molecular groups. One or more of these chemical modifications may lead to an enhancement of binding to antibody molecules.

Finally, the use of a nominally inert substrate such as a gold film, will provide for stable electrical and optical properties in the presence of various ambient gases or solutions, thereby enhancing the sensitivity to specific changes associated with the fullerene-antibody-endotoxin interaction.

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